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In re Application of

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Title:

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN ULTRASOUND TRANSDUCER AND

ULTRASOUND TRANSDUCER OBTAINED BY MEANS OF THE METHOD

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 2. (amended) A method of manufacturing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least one slit extends radially partly along a radius of the disc.
- 3. (amended) A method of manufacturing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least one slit (70) extends radially as far as the center (C) of the disc (20).